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Tuesday, 28 November 2006

Security Council

10 a.m. — 5573rd meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Children and armed conflict[1]

   Report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict (S/2006/826)

[1] Speakers are kindly requested to limit their statements *to no more than five minutes*.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. — 58h plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Afghanistan [16]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/326)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.25)
2. Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade: draft resolution (A/61/L.28) [155]
3. Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system: report of the Second Committee (A/61/427) [58]
4. Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/592) [117]

Launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007

The launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007 by the Secretary-General will take place on Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jackie Behan (tel. 1 (917) 367-9765; e-mail behan@un.org).

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General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. 27th meeting Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/61/13, A/61/347, A/61/358, A/61/278 and A/61/172) [31]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11/Rev.1 and A/C.4/61/L.12

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/61/500, A/61/330, A/61/331, A/61/328, A/61/329 and A/61/327) [32]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.13/Rev.1, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15/Rev.1, A/C.4/61/L.16/Rev.1, A/C.4/61/L.17 and A/C.4/61/L.18

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 53rd meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [67 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.34

2. Report of the Human Rights Council [68]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.18/Rev.1 (and amendments thereto: A/C.3/61/L.57/Rev.1) and draft decision A/C.3/61/L.58

3. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [110]

   Programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-second session (A/C.3/61/L.61)

4. Programme planning [118]

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 118 (Programme planning (A/61/16, A/61/6 (Part one), A/61/6 (Prog.1), A/61/6 (Prog.2), A/61/6 (Prog.3), A/61/6 (Prog.4), A/61/6 (Prog.5), A/61/6 (Prog.6), A/61/6 (Prog.7), A/61/6 (Prog.8), A/61/6 (Prog.9), A/61/6 (Prog.10), A/61/6 (Prog.11), A/61/6 (Prog.12), A/61/6 (Prog.13), A/61/6 (Prog.14)/Rev.1, A/61/6 (Prog.15), A/61/6 (Prog.16), A/61/6 (Prog.17), A/61/6 (Prog.18), A/61/6 (Prog.19), A/61/6 (Prog.20), A/61/6 (Prog.21), A/61/6 (Prog.22), A/61/6 (Prog.23), A/61/6 (Prog.24), A/61/6 (Prog.25), A/61/6

(Prog. 26), A/61/6 (Prog. 27), A/61/125, A/61/64, A/61/83 and A/61/83/Corr.1)); and

Agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/61/5 (Vol. I), A/61/5 (Vol. III), A/61/5 (Vol. IV), A/61/5/Add.1, A/61/5/Add.2, A/61/5/Add.3, A/61/5/Add.4, A/61/5/Add.5, A/61/5/Add.6, A/61/5/Add.7, A/61/5/Add.8, A/61/5/Add.9, A/61/5/Add.11 A/61/5/Add.11/Corr.1, A/61/5/Add.12, A/61/61/5/Add.12/Corr.1, A/61/182, A/61/214, A/61/214/Add.1 and A/61/350))

3 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/61/11, A/61/68, A/60/140, A/60/140/Corr.1, A/58/189, A/56/767 and A/C.5/61/11))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Draft report

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 69 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) and (d)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 69 and sub-items (a) and (d), chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held *today*, 28 November 2006, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, (Angola) under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

From 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Dean Bialek (Australia), under agenda 42 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) — Proclamation of International Years

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

From 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. (at the Permanent Mission of Japan).

Facilitator, Ms. Natalia Quintavalle (Italy), under agenda item 57 (b) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

From 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

From 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From *4.30 to 6 p.m.* in the *back of the Conference Room 2*.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-1120.

Facilitator, Ms. Cinthia Soto (Costa Rica), under agenda item 53 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

From 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission

The organizational meeting of the Disarmament Commission, scheduled for *today*, 28 November 2006, has been cancelled until further notice.

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorès (Haiti), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, *today*, 28 November 2006, from *12 noon* to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to discuss the theme of the annual ministerial-level substantive review of the Economic and Social Council in 2007.

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Hjálmar W. Hannesson, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, *today*, 28 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the *Economic and Social Council Chamber*, to discuss the theme for the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council in 2007.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Tuesday, 28 November 2006

Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Back of Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Back of Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts", under agenda item 10 (convened by the delegation of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 28 November 2006

JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee matters)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Eastern European States Group (at the expert level)

9.45–10.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

African Group (Second Committee experts) (on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD))

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room A

Group of 77 (on the themes for the Economic and Social Council)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international trade and development; and report on all macroeconomic draft resolutions)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on proclamation of international years; globalization and interdependence; and Convention on Biological Diversity)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (report on all draft resolutions on sustainable development)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping on training issues and the implementation of the Revised Integrated Mission Planning Process (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Other activities

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Tuesday, 28 November 2006

Panel discussion on "From Bosnia to Sierra Leone: An encounter with two children of war", on the occasion of the debate of the Security Council on children and armed conflict (organized by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Laurence Gerard (tel. 1 (212) 963-0984; e-mail gerardl@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 28 November 2006

Room S-226

11.15 a.m. . . . . Dr. David Nabarro, Senior United Nations System Coordinator for Avian Flu and Human Influenza (on the International Conference on Avian Influenza, to be held in Bamako (Mali) from 6 to 8 December 2006)

12 noon . . . . . Briefing by the Spokesman

1 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima (Japan); and Ms. Shazia Rafi, Secretary-General, Parliamentarians For Global Action (on the annual forum, to be held in Japan on 4 and 5, December 2006)

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 29 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

3 p.m. 59th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [14]
   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercice of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/61/35)
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/335)
   (c) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.31, A/61/L.32, A/61/L.33 and A/61/L.34)
2. The situation in the Middle East [13]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/298 and A/61/355)
   (b) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.35 and A/61/L.36)

Main Committees

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin (Malaysia), under agenda item 56 (a) (Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mrs. Deidre Mills (Jamaica), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) — Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Ms. Natalia Quintavalle (Italy), under agenda item 57 (b) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 29 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Solemn meeting

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting on Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977. Representatives of all Permanent and Observer Missions and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3350.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Monday, 11 December 2006, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII, at the Palais des Nations.

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Dalius Čekuolis (Lithuania), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to discuss the role of the Economic and Social Council system in the annual ministerial-level substantive review and the Development Cooperation Forum.

Resumed substantive session for 2006

The resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will be held on Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will focus on issues pending from the 2006 substantive session of the Council as well as issues emanating from the consultations convened by the Vice-Presidents currently under way.

Briefing

There will be a briefing for non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, on the General Assembly resolution on "Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council" (A/61/L.24)[1] on Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The briefing is organized by the NGO Section, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and will include a statement by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani (Tunisia).

All are invited to attend. Copies of the resolution will be available in the room. For further information, please contact Ms. Erdwine Antoine, NGO Section, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8652; e-mail desangosection@un.org).

[1] To be issued as A/RES/61/16.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts", under agenda item 10 (convened by the delegation of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1;

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

African Group (Second Committe experts)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Wednesday, 13 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Eastern European States Group (on Fifth Committee matters) (at the expert level)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Eastern European States Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

UNITAR Workshop on International Trade and the Doha Round, in collaboration with the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Monday, 4 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. (at the Permanent Mission of Nigeria);

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 8 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

[For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; rosengaertner@un.org).]

Briefing and informal exchange of ideas with delegates regarding the open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (New York, 11–15 December 2006) (organized by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the secretariat of the Forum)

Friday, 8 December 2006, in Conference Room 2:

African States Group: from 10 to 11.30 a.m.;

Asian States Group: from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Eastern European Group: from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m.;

Latin American and Caribbean States Group: from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and

Western European and Other States Group: from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

Other forthcoming activities

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Global forum on "Our common humanity in the information age: Principles and values for development" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Global Alliance for ICT and Development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 9.45 and 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Robert de Jesus (tel. 1 (917) 367-2432; e-mail dejesus3@un.org); or visit <www.un-gaid.org/commonhumanity>.]

Special events on the the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (organized by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine)

Wednesday 29 November 2006:

Screening of the film entitled "The colour of olives", at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Opening of the exhibit entitled "Contextualization: A Palestinian narrative", at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Briefing on "AIDS in Eastern Europe" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All delegations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Dr. Victor Ortega, UNAIDS (e-mail vortega@unicef.org).]

Panel discussion on "Pediatric AIDS: The promise of new public-private partnerships", on the occasion of World AIDS Day (organized by the United States Mission)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Hee-Kyong Yoo (fax 1 (212) 963-1312; e-mail yoo@un.org), by Wednesday, 29 November 2006.]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 22 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Third Committee

52nd meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [63 (a)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.12

The representative of Cuba made a statement and announced that draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.12 was withdrawn.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/61/41 and A/61/41/Corr.1.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 63, as a whole.

Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [67 (c)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.38/Rev.1 and statement of programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/61/L.56

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

The representative of Myanmar moved for the adjournment of the debate under rule 116 of the rules of procedure.

Statements in favour of the motion were made by the representatives of China and Cuba; statements against the motion were made by the representatives of Norway and New Zealand.

The motion was rejected, by a recorded vote of 77 to 64, with 30 abstentions.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the statement of programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/61/L.56.

The representative of Finland made a statement.

Following a statement by the representative of Myanmar, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.38/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 79 to 28, with 63 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Uzbekistan, Egypt, Belarus and Indonesia. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Japan and Costa Rica.

The representative of Georgia made a statement regarding her vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar and Costa Rica.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.40

The Secretary read out an oral statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution.

The representative of the Russian Federation moved for the adjournment of the debate under rule 116 of the rules of procedure.

Statements in favour of the motion were made by the representatives of China and Cuba; statements against the motion were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries) and the United States.

The motion was rejected, by a recorded vote of 75 to 67, with 31 abstentions.

The representative of the United States made a statement, orally revised the text, and announced that Andorra, Bulgaria, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.40, by a recorded vote of 70 to 31, with 67 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Myanmar, Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Japan and Costa Rica.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Belarus and Costa Rica.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.42

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of Belarus.

The Committee rejected draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.42, by a recorded vote of 114 to 6, with 45 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Egypt, Algeria and Uganda. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, China, Brazil, Uzbekistan, Costa Rica and the Sudan.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.43

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Canada and Australia, also on behalf of New Zealand.

The Committee rejected draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.43, by a recorded vote of 107 to 6, with 49 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Kuwait and Algeria. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Sudan, Brazil, Costa Rica, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement on organization of work.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Succession to signature: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Vienna, 8 April 1979

Accession: Montenegro (22 November 2006)[1]

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Ratification: Turkey (24 November 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Vienna, 11 April 1980

Succession: The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (22 November 2006)[1]

Accession: El Salvador (27 November 2006)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Ratification: El Salvador (27 November 2006)[1]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Ratification: San Marino (27 November 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General Information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 27 November 2006.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/PV.22	Meeting held on 27 September 2006, 10 a.m. [C]
A/61/PV.26	Meeting held on 9 October 2006, 10 a.m. [F]
A/61/PV.27	Meeting held on 9 October 2006, 3 p.m. [A E R]
A/61/PV.28	Meeting held on 12 October 2006, 10 a.m. [A E]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/113/Add.2	Item 90 (j) — General and complete disarmament — Observer of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/251/Add.2	Agenda of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/61/252/Add.3	Allocation of agenda items for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/61/427	Item 58 — Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/525/Add.2	Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the

General Assembly and/or the Security Council — Thematic cluster II. Sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/558 Item 108 (r) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum — Letter dated 31 October 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/61/591 Items 129 and 130 — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Financial and any other implications resulting from the introduction of a staff retention bonus at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/61/594–S/2006/916 Items 13 and 14 — The situation in the Middle East — Question of Palestine — Identical letters dated 22 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.29 Item 108 (e) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community — Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago: draft resolution — Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.35 Item 13 — The situation in the Middle East — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine: draft resolution — Jerusalem [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.36 Item 13 — The situation in the Middle East — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Palestine: draft resolution — The Syrian Golan [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/61/2 Item 60 — Social development — Letter dated 3 October 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Tenth emergency special session

A/ES-10/L.20 Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United

Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zimbabwe and Palestine: draft resolution — Establishment of the United Nations Register of Damage caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory [A C E F R S]

Security Council	Documents
S/2006/888*	Reissued for technical reasons [E R S]
S/2006/913	Letter dated 21 November 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/61/594–S/2006/916	Identical letters dated 22 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Pre-session working group
Thirty-seventh session

CEDAW/C/NIC/Q6/Add.1
Responses to the list of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of periodic reports — Nicaragua [A C E F R S]

Communications to the Editor

Material for inclusion in the *Journal* may be sent to Ms. Sylvie Deschênes (e-mail journal@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-4790; room S-2370; tel. 1 (212) 963-6776 and 963-3888).

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Official meetings

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Security Council

10 a.m. — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Somalia

Other matters

Morning[1] — 5575th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

   Letter dated 21 November 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/913)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

3 p.m. — 60th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [14]
   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercice of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/61/35)
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/335)
   (c) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.31, A/61/L.32, A/61/L.33 and A/61/L.34)
2. The situation in the Middle East [13]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/298 and A/61/355)
   (b) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.35 and A/61/L.36)

Launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007

The launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007 by the Secretary-General will take place on Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jackie Behan (tel. 1 (917) 367-9765; e-mail behan@un.org).

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General Assembly
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Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 139 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (A/61/521 and A/61/575)); and 151 (Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (A/61/519 and A/61/567))

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. 298th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Draft report

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Second Committee
Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin (Malaysia), under agenda item 56 (a) (Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Cinthia Soto (Costa Rica), under agenda item 53 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

From 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Facilitator, Ms. Natalia Quintavalle (Italy), under agenda item 57 (b) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

From 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Dalius Čekuolis (Lithuania), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, *today*, 29 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to discuss the role of the Economic and Social Council system in the annual ministerial-level substantive review and the Development Cooperation Forum.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Wednesday, 29 November 2006

Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Back of Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Back of Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities, under agenda item 67 (b) (convened by the delegations of Mexico and New Zealand)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on draft resolution on the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin, under agenda item 43 (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Greece)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of India, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on malaria, under agenda item 48 (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 29 November 2006

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee matters)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international trade and development)

10–10.30 a.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on: debt; corruption; eradication of poverty; industrial development cooperation; commodities; microfinance and microcredit; landlocked developing countries; and report on all Second Committee draft resolutions)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room C

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 5

Joint meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 (Working Group on Mandate Review)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room A

African Group (Second Committe experts)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room D

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 8

Eastern European States Group (on Fifth Committee matters) (at the expert level)

1.30–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room A

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 8

Other activities

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Wednesday, 29 November 2006

Global forum on "Our common humanity in the information age: Principles and values for development" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Global Alliance for ICT and Development)

From 9.45 and 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Robert de Jesus (tel. 1 (917) 367-2432; e-mail dejesus3@un.org); or visit <www.un-gaid.org/commonhumanity>.]

Special events on the the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (organized by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine)

Screening of the film entitled "The colour of olives", at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Opening of the exhibit entitled "Contextualization: A Palestinian narrative", at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Briefing on "AIDS in Eastern Europe" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All delegations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Dr. Victor Ortega, UNAIDS (e-mail vortega@unicef.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 29 November 2006

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. David Malone, former President of the International Peace Academy and author of *The International Struggle Over Iraq: Politics in the United Nations Security Council, 1980-2005* (on "Iraq and the Security Council: Lessons from the Past, Suggestions for the Future")

Guest at 12 noon . . Mr. Ian Martin, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General in Nepal for Support to the Peace Process

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 1 December 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations of the plenary on the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Mandating and delivering: analysis and recommendations to facilitate the review of mandates"

10 a.m. . . . . 17th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 2

Main Committees

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mrs. Deidre Mills (Jamaica), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) — Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 25th meeting on Thursday, 30 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 25th meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Monday, 11 December 2006, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII, at the Palais des Nations.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session for 2006

The resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will be held on Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will focus on issues pending from the 2006 substantive session of the Council as well as issues emanating from the consultations convened by the Vice-Presidents currently under way.

Briefing

There will be a briefing for non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, on the General Assembly resolution on "Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council" (A/61/L.24)[1] on Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The briefing is organized by the NGO Section, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and will include a statement by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani (Tunisia).

All are invited to attend. Copies of the resolution will be available in the room. For further information, please contact Ms. Erdwine Antoine, NGO Section, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8652; e-mail desangosection@un.org).

[1] To be issued as A/RES/61/16.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities, under agenda item 67 (b) (convened by the delegations of Mexico and New Zealand)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the revitalization of the General Assembly

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Eastern European States Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room A.

UNITAR Workshop on International Trade and the Doha Round, in collaboration with the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Monday, 4 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. (at the Permanent Mission of Nigeria);

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 8 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

[For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; rosengaertner@un.org).]

African Group (Second Committe experts)

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Wednesday, 13 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Briefing and informal exchange of ideas with delegates regarding the open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (New York, 11–15 December 2006) (organized by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the secretariat of the Forum)

Friday, 8 December 2006, in Conference Room 2:

African States Group: from 10 to 11.30 a.m.;

Asian States Group: from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Eastern European Group: from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m.;

Latin American and Caribbean States Group: from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and

Western European and Other States Group: from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

Other forthcoming activities

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Panel discussion on "Pediatric AIDS: The promise of new public-private partnerships", on the occasion of World AIDS Day (organized by the United States Mission)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Hee-Kyong Yoo (fax 1 (212) 963-1312; e-mail yoo@un.org), no later than *today*, 29 November 2006.]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and

verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 28 November 2006

Security Council

5573rd meeting

Children and armed conflict

Report of the Secretary-General on Children and armed conflict (S/2006/826)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, Finland, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Uganda, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, and Ms. Ann M. Veneman, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Gabriel Oling Olang, Representative of Save the Children.

The Council heard briefings by Ms. Coomaraswamy, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Oling Olang.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Greece, China, Japan, Denmark, the United States, Qatar, Slovakia, Argentina, the Congo, Ghana, the Russian Federation, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United Kingdom, and by the President, His Excellency Mr. José Antonio García Belaunde, speaking in his capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Liechtenstein, Finland (speaking on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Montenegro and Serbia; and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, which aligned themselves with this statement) and Brazil.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Thailand, at her request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of New Zealand, Colombia, Uganda, South Africa, Slovenia (speaking on behalf of the Human Security Network, namely Austria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Greece, Ireland, Jordan, Mali, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Thailand, Slovenia and South Africa as an observer), Guatemala, Australia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Canada, Myanmar, Nepal, Bangladesh, Honduras, Norway, Israel, Egypt, Benin, Iraq, Lebanon and Thailand.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2006/48).

5574th meeting

The situation concerning Iraq

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Iraq, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2006/919, submitted by Denmark, Japan, Slovakia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2006/919) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2006/919) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1723 (2006).

Following the vote, the representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation and France made statements.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

58th plenary meeting

The situation in Afghanistan . . . . . [16]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/326)

(b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.25)

The representative of Germany made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.25.

Statements were made by the representatives of Afghanistan, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those Member States who aligned themselves with the statement), Kyrgyzstan (on behalf of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization), Belarus (on behalf of the Collective Security Treaty Organization), Pakistan, Iceland, Kuwait, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Canada, Australia, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, the United States, India, Turkey, New Zealand and Norway.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.25 (resolution 61/18).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 16.

59th plenary meeting

Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade: draft resolution (A/61/L.28) . . . . . [155]

The representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) made a statement, in the course of which she introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/61/L.28.

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia (on behalf of the African Group), Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those Member States who aligned themselves with the statement), Jamaica, Bahamas, Haiti, India, Cuba, the United States, Liberia, the United Kingdom, France and the Netherlands.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/2 of 13 October 1980, the observer for the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.28, as orally corrected (resolution 61/19).

The representative of Canada made a statement after the adoption.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 155.

Reports of the Second and Fifth Committees

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Second and Fifth Committees which were before the Assembly.

Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system: report of the Second Committee (A/61/427) . . . . . [58]

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Monaco and Germany.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/61/427) (resolution 61/20).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 58.

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/592) . . . . . [117]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/61/592) (resolution 61/21).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 117.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

27th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Indonesia introduced oral amendments, on A/C.4/61/L.11/Rev.1 submitted under agenda item 31.

The representative of Cuba introduced oral amendments, on A/C.4/61/L.16/Rev.1 submitted under agenda item 32.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The Committee decided not to take action on draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.18.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [31]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11/Rev.1 and A/C.4/61/L.12

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.9, by a recorded vote of 162 to 2, with 7 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.10, by a recorded vote of 160 to 6, with 4 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.11/Rev.1, as orally amended, by a recorded vote of 159 to 6, with 5 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.12, by a recorded vote of 159 to 6, with 5 abstentions.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 31.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . [32]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.13/Rev.1, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15/Rev.1, A/C.4/61/L.16/Rev.1 and A/C.4/61/L.17

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.13/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 81 to 8, with 79 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.14, by a recorded vote of 156 to 6, with 8 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.15/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 156 to 7, with 6 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.16/Rev.1, as orally amended, by a recorded vote of 150 to 8, with 11 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.17, by a recorded vote of 156 to 1, with 11 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Israel, the United States and Canada.

The observer for Palestine as well as the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made statements.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Third Committee

53rd meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [67 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.34

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the statement of financial provisions relating to the draft resolution read out by the Secretary at the 51st meeting.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in which he orally revised the draft resolution and announced that China also became a sponsor.

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.34, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 126 to 51, with 1 abstention.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), and after the vote, by the representatives of Japan, Canada, Costa Rica and Cuba.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a letter from the President of the General Assembly in which she informed that sub-item 67 (b) had also been allocated to Plenary.

Oral decisions

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of a number of documents under agenda sub-items 67 (a), (b) and (c).

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 67, as a whole.

Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [68]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.18/Rev.1 and amendments contained thereto in A/C.3/61/L.57/Rev.1

The Committee was advised that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Peru made a statement and announced that Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Dominica, Moldova, Montenegro and Serbia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Albania, Andorra and Malta also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of amendments to A/C.3/61/L.18/Rev.1 contained in document A/C.3/61/L.57/Rev.1

The representative of Namibia (on behalf of the African Group) made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Peru.

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia (on behalf of the African Group), Egypt, Mexico and Guatemala.

The Committee adopted the amendments contained in document A/C.3/61/L.57/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 82 to 67 with 25 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Bolivia, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Fiji, New Zealand, Chile, Turkey, Australia, Canada, the Russian Federation, Colombia and Norway; after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Jamaica, Ukraine, Canada, Guyana, Benin, Botswana, Myanmar, Kuwait, Kenya, Cameroon, the Congo, Rwanda and Colombia.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.18/Rev.1, as a whole

The Secretary made a technical correction to the text.

The representative of Peru made a statement and withdrew as sponsor of the draft resolution, as amended, and orally corrected.

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, the Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia also withdrew as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, the Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as amended, and orally corrected.

A statement was made by the representative of Peru.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as amended, and orally corrected by a recorded vote of 83 to 0, with 91 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Bolivia, Uruguay, Namibia and Nicaragua; after the vote statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Japan, Mexico, Iraq, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Cuba and Brazil.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary responded to a statement made by the representative of Cuba.

Corrigendum

General Assembly
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Main Committees

Third Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 49th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2006/224, page 21):

The first paragraph under "Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.50" *should have read*:

> The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions relating to the draft resolution.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Honduras (28 November 2006)[1]

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Extension of time-limit under article 38 (2) of the Agreement for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 31 December 2007

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General Information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/PV.25	Meeting held on 2 October 2006, 3 p.m. [A C E R S]
A/61/PV.30	Meeting held on 13 October 2006, 10 a.m. [E]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/392	Item 88 — Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/415	Item 39 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/61/576	Item 116 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2008-2009 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/581	Item 157 — Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies — Letter dated 14 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/585 Item 130 — Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — First performance report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2006-2007 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/586 Item 129 — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — First performance report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2006-2007 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/588 Item 144 (b) — Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon — Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period from 1 July 2006 to 31 March 2007 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/595 Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Capital master plan — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.31 Item 14 — Question of Palestine — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zimbabwe and Palestine: draft resolution — Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.32 Item 14 — Question of Palestine — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zimbabwe and Palestine: draft resolution — Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.33 Item 14 — Question of Palestine — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zimbabwe and Palestine: draft resolution — Special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.34 Item 14 — Question of Palestine — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zimbabwe and Palestine: draft resolution — Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine [A C E F R S]

First Committee

A/C.1/61/4/Add.1 Membership of the First Committee [A C E F R S (multilingual)]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

A/C.4/61/L.13/Rev.1	Item 32 — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Palestine: revised draft resolution — Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/61/L.15/Rev.1	Item 32 — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Palestine: revised draft resolution — Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the occupied Syrian Golan [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/61/L.16/Rev.1	Item 32 — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Palestine: revised draft resolution — Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2006/905	Letter dated 20 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/AI/2006/3	Administrative instruction — Staff selection system [F]

Communications to the Editor

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Thursday, 30 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. . . . . 61st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . 62nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine . . . . . [14]

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercice of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/61/35)

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/335)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.31, A/61/L.32, A/61/L.33 and A/61/L.34)

2. The situation in the Middle East . . . . . [13]

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/298 and A/61/355)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.35 and A/61/L.36)

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Monday, 4 December 2006, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from *today*, 30 November 2006, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statement to no more than *five minutes*.

Launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007

The launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007 by the Secretary-General will take place *today*, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jackie Behan (tel. 1 (917) 367-9765; e-mail behan@un.org).

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General Assembly
Sixty-first session

A plenary meeting will be held on Monday, 4 December 2006, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 10 (The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict). The General Assembly will also take up the reports of the Sixth Committee. The Assembly will further take action on draft resolutions under agenda item 43 (Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin), agenda item 44 (Culture of peace) and sub-items (c), (e), (r), (s) and (t) of agenda item 108 (Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations).

Main Committees

Third Committee

10–11 a.m. 54th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Report of the Human Rights Council [68]

Draft decision A/C.3/61/L.58

2. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [110]

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3. Programme planning [118]

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 25th meeting — Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [117]

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Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Capital master plan (A/61/549, A/61/5 (Vol. V), A/61/595, A/61/264 (Part I), A/61/263 (Part I)/Add.1, A/61/264 (Part I)/Add.2, A/60/288, A/60/5 (Vol. V), A/58/556, A/58/712, A/59/161, A/59/420 and A/59/556))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/61/255, A/61/255/Add.1, A/61/255/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/228, A/61/257, A/61/257/Add.1, A/61/257/Add.2, A/61/257/Add.3, A/61/319, A/61/274, A/61/201, A/61/537, A/60/310, A/59/716, A/59/786, A/60/861, A/59/388, A/60/262, A/59/724, A/59/526 and A/59/526/Add.1))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Draft report

Economic and Social Council

2006 resumed substantive session

5–5.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

5.30–6 p.m. 45th meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Elections . . . . . [1]
   (a) Committee for Programme and Coordination
   (b) Committee for Development Policy (E/2006/9/Add.18)
   (c) Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/2006/9/Add.19)
2. Issues emanating from the ongoing informal consulations

General Assembly

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Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mrs. Deidre Mills (Jamaica), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) — Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

From 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

From 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

From 2 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitator, (Côte d'Ivoire), under agenda item 69 (b) (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions) — Special economic assistance to Côte d'Ivoire

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Ms. Natalia Quintavalle (Italy), under agenda item 57 (b) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

From 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

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Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Back of Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Back of Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (A/61/L.15), under agenda item 43 (convened by the delegation of Greece)

11 a.m.–12.15 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on the themes for the session of the Economic and Social Council; on the draft resolutions on: industrial development cooperation; causes of conflicts and promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa; UN-Habitat; United Nations Environment Programme; eradication of poverty; proclamation of international years; United Nations University; Agenda 21; climate change; desertification; and International Strategy for Disaster Relief; and report on all Second Committee draft resolutions)

9.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Eastern European States Group (at the ambassadorial level)

12.30–1.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

African Group (Third Committe experts)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (on the Humanitarian Appeal 2007)

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 1 December 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal Working Group on Mandate Review

10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Main Committees

Second Committee

The 31st meeting of the Second Committee will be held on Friday, 1 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Committee will take action, *inter alia*, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/61/L.46 and A/C.2/61/L.49[1], under agenda item 42 (Report of the Economic and Social Council); A/C.2/61/L.14, under agenda item 51 (a) (Macroeconomic policy questions: International trade and development); A/C.2/61/L.2/Rev.1[1], under agenda item 51 (d) (Macroeconomic policy questions: Commodities); A/C.2/61/L.21/Rev.1[1], under agenda item 53 (a) (Sustainable development: Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development); A/C.2/61/L.12 and A/C.2/61/L.47[1], under agenda item 55 (b) (Globalization and interdependence: International migration and development); and A/C.2/61/L.10/Rev.2[1], under agenda item 69 (b) (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions).

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Monday, 4 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 1 December 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Disarmament Commission
Organizational session

The Disarmament Commission will hold its organizational session on Wednesday, 6 December 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Monday, 11 December 2006, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII, at the Palais des Nations.

Economic and Social Council
Briefing

There will be a briefing for non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, on the General Assembly resolution on "Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council" (A/61/L.24)[1] on Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The briefing is organized by the NGO Section, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and will include a statement by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani (Tunisia).

All are invited to attend. Copies of the resolution will be available in the room. For further information, please contact Ms. Erdwine Antoine, NGO Section, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8652; e-mail desangosection@un.org).

[1] To be issued as A/RES/61/16.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities, under agenda item 67 (b) (convened by the delegations of Mexico and New Zealand)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from *10 a.m. to 1 p.m.* in the *Trusteeship Council Chamber*.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace (A/61/L.11), under agenda item 44 (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR Workshop on International Trade and the Doha Round, in collaboration with the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Monday, 4 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. (at the Permanent Mission of Nigeria);

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 8 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

[For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; rosengaertner@un.org).]

African Group (Second Committe experts)

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Wednesday, 13 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Briefing and informal exchange of ideas with delegates regarding the open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (New York, 11–15 December 2006) (organized by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the secretariat of the Forum)

Friday, 8 December 2006, in Conference Room 2:

African States Group: from 10 to 11.30 a.m.;

Asian States Group: from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Eastern European Group: from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m.;

Latin American and Caribbean States Group: from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and

Western European and Other States Group: from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

UNITAR/UNU Seminar on "The role and functions of the Secretary-General of the United Nations"

Monday, 18 December 2006, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m in Conference Room 9; and

Tuesday, 19 December 2006. from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Other forthcoming activities

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Panel discussion on "Pediatric AIDS: The promise of new public-private partnerships", on the occasion of World AIDS Day (organized by the United States Mission)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "E-accessibility", on the occasion of the International Day of Disabled Persons, and presentation of the results of global Web accessibility audit (organized by the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)

Monday, 4 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Vanessa Edwards (e-mail edwardsv@un.org).]

Briefing on "Carbon dioxide capture and storage" (organized by the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Friedrich Soltau, Division for Sustainable Development (tel. 1 (212) 963-4337; fax 1 (212) 963-9883; e-mail soltau@un.org).]

High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Hee-Kyong Yoo (fax 1 (212) 963-1312; e-mail yoo@un.org).]

International Conference on Enhancing Security at Major World Events (organized by the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI))

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Mazzini, UNICRI (e-mail mazzini@unicri.it); or Mr. Janos Tisovszky, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (917) 367-2068; fax 1 (212) 963-9737; e-mail tisovszky@un.org).]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 29 November 2006

Security Council

5575th meeting

The situation in Somalia

Letter dated 21 November 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/913)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Somalia, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2006/921, submitted by Qatar.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2006/921) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2006/921) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1724 (2006).

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

60th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine . . . . . [14]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/61/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/335)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.31, A/61/L.32, A/61/L.33 and A/61/L.34)

The President made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Paul Badji, Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/61/L.31, A/61/L.32, A/61/L.33 and A/61/L.34.

H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri, Rapporteur of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced the report of the Committee (A/61/35).

H.E. Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, Chairman of the observer delegation of Palestine, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those Member States which aligned themselves with the statement), the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Egypt, Tunisia, Kuwait, the Sudan, Saudi Arabia and Malaysia.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

298th meeting

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read out a message from Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of Cuba read a message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, on behalf of the Chair of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

The representative of Azerbaijan read a message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, in his capacity as Chairman of the Thrity-third Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

The representative of the Congo read a message from the President of the Republic of the Congo, in his capacity as Chairman of the African Union.

The Observer for the League of Arab States read a message from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

A representative of civil society organizations made a statement, on behalf of the International Coordinating Network on Palestine.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Brazil, Brunei Darusalam, Chile, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Qatar, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam.

Messages were received from the Heads of Government of the following countries: China, India, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius and Thailand.

Messages were received from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Belarus, Japan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

Messages were received from the European Union and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Sofia, 27 February 2001

Acceptance: Romania (16 November 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/PV.29	Meeting held on 12 October 2006, 3 p.m. [A E]
A/61/PV.30	Meeting held on 13 October 2006, 10 a.m. [A]
	First Committee
A/C.1/61/PV.1	Meeting held on 28 September 2006, 3 p.m. [A E]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/450	Item 33 — Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/455	Item 79 — Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/584	Item 71 (a) — Oceans and the law of the sea — Identical letters dated 15 November 2006 from the representatives of Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/61/593/Add.1	Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Report of the Secretary-General — Utilization of the subvention for the Special Court for Sierra Leone [A C E F R S]
A/61/596–S/2006/917	Item 13 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 27 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.25/Add.1	Item 16 — The situation in Afghanistan — Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Fiji, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Moldova, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal,

	Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Yemen: draft resolution — Cameroon, Cape Verde, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jordan, Kuwait, Liberia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, San Marino, Sri Lanka, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia and Turkmenistan [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.28/Add.1	Item 155 — Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade — Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria. Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe: draft resolution — Andorra, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Israel, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Mauritania, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Poland, Republic of Korea, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine [A C E F R S]
	Second Committee
A/C.2/61/L.47	Item 55 (b) — Globalization and interdependence: international migration and development — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.12 [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2006/911*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/61/596–S/2006/917	Identical letters dated 27 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/920	Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/PRST/2006/48	Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5573	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

S/Agenda/5574	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1723 (2006)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 5574th meeting [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2007 regular session

E/C.2/2007/2/Add.4	Quadrennial reports 2002-2005 submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
E/C.2/2007/2/Add.5	Quadrennial reports 2002-2005 submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C

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Security Council

9.45 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/920)

Other matters

Morning[1]	5576th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary-Gneral addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/920)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1601st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m.	63rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [14]: draft resolutions (A/61/L.31, A/61/L.32, A/61/L.33 and A/61/L.34)
2. The situation in the Middle East [13]: draft resolutions (A/61/L.35 and A/61/L.36)

Informal Working Group on Mandate Review

10 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Monday, 4 December 2006, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statement to no more than *five minutes*.

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Security Council

As from Tuesday, 5 December 2006, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/sc/>), in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council dated 19 July 2006 (S/2006/507). Copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' pick-up areas, *as of Monday, 4 December 2006.*

General Assembly

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Main Committees

Second Committee

3 p.m. . . . . 32nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [51]

   (a) International trade and development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.14

   (d) Commodities

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.2 and A/C.2/61/L.52

2. Sustainable development: Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development . . . . . [53 (a)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.16 and A/C.2/61/L.51

3. Globalization and interdependence: International migration and development [55 (b)]

   *Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.12 and A/C.2/61/L.47**

4. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions . . . . . [69 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.10/Rev.2

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/61/11, A/61/68, A/60/140, A/60/140/Corr.1, A/58/189, A/56/767 and A/C.5/61/11))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/61/255, A/61/255/Add.1, A/61/255/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/228, A/61/257, A/61/257/Add.1, A/61/257/Add.2, A/61/257/Add.3, A/61/319, A/61/274, A/61/201, A/61/537, A/60/310, A/59/716, A/59/786, A/60/861, A/59/388, A/60/262, A/59/724, A/59/526 and A/59/526/Add.1));

Agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Identification of additional resources for the Development Account (A/61/282 and A/61/479)); and

Agenda items 116 and 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; and Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Enhancing the role of the Subregional offices of the Economic Commission for Africa (A/61/471 and A/61/544))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Draft report

General Assembly

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Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

From *11.30 a.m.* to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin (Malaysia), under agenda item 56 (a) (Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil), under agenda sub-items 53 (d), (e) and (f) — Synergies among the three Rio Conventions

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

From *4* to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mrs. Deidre Mills (Jamaica), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) — Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty

From 4.30 to 6 pm. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be a briefing for non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, on the General Assembly resolution on "Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council" (A/61/L.24)[1] *today*, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The briefing is organized by the NGO Section, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and will include a statement by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani (Tunisia).

All are invited to attend. Copies of the resolution will be available in the room. For further information, please contact Ms. Erdwine Antoine, NGO Section, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8652; e-mail desangosection@un.org).

[1] To be issued as A/RES/61/16.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Friday, 1 December 2006

Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Back of Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Back of Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities, under agenda item 67 (b) (convened by the delegations of Mexico and New Zealand)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace (A/61/L.11), under agenda item 44 (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Other meetings

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Friday, 1 December 2006

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on: Agenda 21; climate change; International Strategy for Disaster Relief; Convention on Biological Diversity; microfinance; microcredit; commodities; and United Nations University; and report on all Second Committee draft resolutions)

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Other activities

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Friday, 1 December 2006

Panel discussion on "Pediatric AIDS: The promise of new public-private partnerships", on the occasion of World AIDS Day (organized by the United States Mission)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 1 December 2006

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator; and Dr. Dennis Makwege Mukengere of the Panzi Hospital in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (on sexual violence)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

1 p.m. . . . . Mr. Bill Roedy, President, MTV Networks International; and Mr. Dali Mpofu, Chief Executive Officer, South African Broadcasting Corporation (on the Global Media AIDS Initiative)

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 4 December 2006

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

10 a.m. . . . . 64th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict . . . . . [10]
   (a) Letter from Botswana transmitting the report on the progress made towards the implementation of the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme (A/61/589)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.27)
2. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/450) . . . . . [33]
3. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/451)[1] [75]
4. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/452) . . . . . [76]

[1] To be issued.

5. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-ninth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/453) . . . . . [77]

6. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/454)[1] . . . . . [78]

7. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/455) . . . . . [79]

8. The rule of law at the national and international levels: report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/456)[1] . . . . . [80]

9. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/457)[1] . . . . . [100]

10. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/458)[1] . . . . . [110]

11. Programme planning: report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/459) . . . . . [118]

12. Administration of justice at the United Nations: report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/460) . . . . . [128]

13. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/461)[1] . . . . . [148]

14. Requests for observer status in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/462) . . . . . [153]

15. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin: draft resolution (A/61/L.15/Rev.1)[1] . . . . . [43]

16. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/61/L.16) . . . . . [44]

17. Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: draft decision (A/61/L.40) . . . . . [46]

18. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations . . [108]

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations: draft resolution (A/61/L.13)

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community: draft resolution (A/61/L.29)

(q) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference: draft resolution (A/61/L.26)

(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum: draft resolution (A/61/L.20/Rev.1)

(s) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization: draft resolution (A/61/L.18)

(t) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community: draft resolution (A/61/L.37)

[1] To be issued.

Main Committees

Second Committee
Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as a special area in the context of sustainable development

Monday, 4 December 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 26th meeting on Monday, 4 December 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 26th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities
Resumed eighth session

The Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities will hold its 21st meeting on Tuesday, 5 December 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All relevant documentation of the Ad Hoc Committee is available at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/rights/ahc8.htm>.

Disarmament Commission
Organizational session

The Disarmament Commission will hold its organizational session on Wednesday, 6 December 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Monday, 11 December 2006, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII, at the Palais des Nations.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

Monday, 4 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1.

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR Workshop on International Trade and the Doha Round, in collaboration with the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Monday, 4 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. (at the Permanent Mission of Nigeria);

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 8 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

[For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; rosengaertner@un.org).]

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

African Group (Second Committe experts)

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Wednesday, 13 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Briefing and informal exchange of ideas with delegates regarding the open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (New York, 11–15 December 2006) (organized by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the secretariat of the Forum)

Friday, 8 December 2006, in Conference Room 2:

African States Group: from 10 to 11.30 a.m.;

Asian States Group: from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Eastern European Group: from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m.;

Latin American and Caribbean States Group: from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and

Western European and Other States Group: from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

UNITAR/UNU Seminar on "The role and functions of the Secretary-General of the United Nations"

Monday, 18 December 2006, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 8*; and

Tuesday, 19 December 2006, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room 8*.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Other forthcoming activities

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Panel discussion on "E-accessibility", on the occasion of the International Day of Disabled Persons, and presentation of the results of global Web accessibility audit (organized by the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)

Monday, 4 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Vanessa Edwards (e-mail edwardsv@un.org).]

Meeting of the Women's International Forum, with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the topic "The past ten years and beyond" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Briefing on "Carbon dioxide capture and storage" (organized by the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Friedrich Soltau, Division for Sustainable Development (tel. 1 (212) 963-4337; fax 1 (212) 963-9883; e-mail soltau@un.org).]

High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Hee-Kyong Yoo (fax 1 (212) 963-1312; e-mail yoo@un.org).]

International Conference on Enhancing Security at Major World Events (organized by the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI))

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Mazzini, UNICRI (e-mail mazzini@unicri.it); or Mr. Janos Tisovszky, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (917) 367-2068; fax 1 (212) 963-9737; e-mail tisovszky@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Extractive Industries Transparency Intiative: Improving transparency and accountability in the extractive industries, and promoting improved governance in resource rich countries" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom)

Thursday 7 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sam Pass, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (tel. 1 (212) 745-9215; e-mail samantha.pass@fco.gov.uk).]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 30 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

61st plenary meeting

Question of Palestine . . . . . [14]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/61/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/335)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.31, A/61/L.32, A/61/L.33 and A/61/L.34)

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Lebanon, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic, China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Algeria, Lesotho, Oman, Canada, India, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Norway, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The representative of the United States made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The observer of Palestine made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The situation in the Middle East . . . . . [13]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/298 and A/61/355)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.35 and A/61/L.36)

The representative of Egypt made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/61/L.35 and A/61/L.36.

62nd plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East . . . . . [13]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/298 and A/61/355)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.35 and A/61/L.36)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 13.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and aligned countries) and the United Arab Emirates.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Switzerland, Jordan, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Argentina (also on behalf of Brazil) and Turkey.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/61/L.31, A/61/L.32, A/61/L.33, A/61/L.34, A/61/L.35 and A/61/L.36 would be taken at a later date.

Main Committees

Third Committee

54th meeting

Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [68]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Draft decision A/C.3/61/L.58

The representative of Namibia withdrew the draft decision, on behalf of the members of the African Group.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Human Rights Council (A/61/53).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 68.

Programme planning . . . . . [118]

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the item to its next meeting, with a view to allowing more time for further consultations.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [110]

Programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly (A/C.3/61/L.61)

The Committee adopted its tentative programme of work, as submitted by the Chairman in document A/C.3/61/L.61, and decided to transmit it to the plenary of the General Assembly for approval.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 110.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Antigua and Barbuda, Egypt, Cuba, Namibia (on behalf of the Group of African States), Finland (on behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States), Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Nigeria, Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), the Syrian Arab Republic, New Zealand (on behalf of the JUSCANZ Group), Azerbaijan (on behalf of the members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) and Qatar (on behalf of the Group of Arab States).

The Chairman also made a statement.

Fifth Committee

25th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Acting Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the Capital master plan (A/61/549).

The Committee had before the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan (A/61/5 (Vol. V)).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/595).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United States, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Switzerland and China.

The Acting Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to questions raised.

The representative of the Russian Federation also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Egypt, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Jordan, the Syrian Arab Republic, India, the United States, Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Secretary of the Committee replied to questions raised.

Economic and Social Council

2006 resumed substantive session

45th meeting

Elections . . . . . [1]

Committee for Programme and Coordination

The Council nominated France for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term, beginning on 1 January 2007.

Oral decision

Upon the proposal of the President, the Council decided to further postpone the nomination of a member from the Group of Western European and Other States for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term, beginning on 1 January 2007.

Committee for Development Policy

The Council approved the nomination by the Secretary-General of the 24 experts listed in document E/2006/9/Add.18 for a three-year term, beginning on 1 January 2007.

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Council elected, by acclamation, Mr. Zhan Daode (China), to complete the unexpired portion of Mr. Yongxiang Shen's term of office.

Organization of work

The President of the Council made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on Transit Trade of Land-locked States. New York, 8 July 1965

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods. New York, 14 June 1974

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Vienna, 11 April 1980

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Niger
H.E. Mr. Aboubacar Ibrahim Abani

Asian States:
Malaysia
H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mrs. Mirjana Mladineo

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Grenada
H.E. Ms. Ruth Elizabeth Rouse

Western European and other States:
Malta
H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri

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	Sixty-first session
A/61/PV.12	Meeting held on 20 September 2006, 10 a.m. [F]
A/61/PV.22	Meeting held on 27 September 2006, 10 a.m. [F]
A/61/PV.27	Meeting held on 9 October 2006, 3 p.m. [S]
A/61/PV.31	Meeting held on 13 October 2006, 3 p.m. [A E]
A/61/PV.32	Meeting held on 16 October 2006, 10 a.m. [A E]
A/61/PV.33	Meeting held on 16 October 2006, 3 p.m. [A E]

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A/61/418	Item 40 — Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/419	Item 50 — Information and communication technologies for development — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/421	Item 52 — Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/458	Item 110 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/460	Item 128 — Administration of justice at the United Nations — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/521/Corr.1	Item 139 — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea — Revised budget for the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.20/Rev.1	Item 108 (r) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum — Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Croatia, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Fiji, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Romania, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United States of America, Vanuatu and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.30	Item 71 (a) — Oceans and the law of the sea — Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Cape Verde, Cyprus, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Jamaica, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Namibia, New Zealand, Norway, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tonga and United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.36*	Reissued for technical reasons [S]
A/61/L.37	Item 108 (t) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community — Angola, Belgium, Botswana, Cape Verde, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Japan, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Timor-Leste, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
A/C.3/61/7	Item 67 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Letter dated 1 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
	International Law Commission **Fifty-eighth session**
A/CN.4/573	Second report on the expulsion of aliens — By the Special Rapporteur [A C E F R S]

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S/2006/906	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [A C E F R S]
S/2006/921	Qatar: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2006/922	Third report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Office in Sierra Leone [A C E F R S]
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CCPR/C/SR.2342	Meeting held on 14 March 2006, 3 p.m. [A E F R S]
CCPR/C/SR.2354	Meeting held on 22 March 2006, 3 p.m. [A E F R S]

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DP/2007/5	Item 5 of the provisional agenda — Evaluation — Evaluation of the national human development report system — Executive summary [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/AI/2006/3*	Reissued for technical reasons [F]
ST/LEG/SER.A/716	Statement of Treaties and International Agreements — Registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat during the month of October 2006 [E F (bilingual)]

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